



Messenger, 1946

CG-85009

Builder: Equitable Equipment, Company New Orleans

Length: 86'

Beam: 23'

Draft: 9' 6"

Displacement: 230 tons

Cost: \$300,000 (Army construction cost)

Commissioned: 1944 (US Army); 5 September 1945 (USCG)

Decommissioned:

Disposition:

Machinery: 1 700 HP Enterprise diesel engine

Performance & Endurance:

Max: 9.5 knots

Cruising:

Complement: 10

Armament: None

Electronics: Radar

History:

The *Messenger* was a 230-ton former U.S. Army tug (ST-710) that was built in 1944. She was acquired by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port at Baltimore, Maryland, on 5 September 1945. She was transferred to the Coast Guard Yard on 26 September 1946 where she was used as a support vessel. Her duties included drydocking, undocking and escorting cutters to and from the Yard and fire-fighting along the waterfront when needed.

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